

Wichita and Bag Bag.

Wichita's enterprise does not always meet with deserv-Ing encouragement, but, on the contrary, is often, by the envious, openly criticised, and even ridiculed. Curtis, of the Chicago Record, took a long imaginary detour in the vain effort to belittle our evident greatness, and to obliterate the famous footsteps the town has imprinted on the sands of time. These efforts, begotten, as they are, of jealousy, or otherwise inspired by an ambition to appear smart, in falling of their aim are yet valuable in a way. The name of no town on this continent of its size is more familiar than that of Wichita. Writers everywhere, of impossible romances, of strange occurrences or of unaccountable abnormalties, desiring to locate their story, name Wichita. A month ago half the enterprising journals of the country were printing pictures of Jim Tapp and descanting on his Salvation Army platform as a candidate for the mayoralty, And thus it has been one thing or another, almost every month, for years. The last sensation is the generous proposition of the nave managers of the State Fair association. at Wichita, to General Funston, the brave Kansas boy, to give an illustration, or a practical demonstration, of his swimming feat at Bag Bag, for the better information of questionable. The Russian ports henceforth will remain desire upon the part of Wichita to add to the fame of a which will stamp her as one of the most useful naval vesof Wichita have attempted illustrations of the proposed ington in a private car as the guests of Mrs. Dahlgren to its waters dotted with the heads of heroes, their swords construction at various shippards. and guns in their mouths, all swimming for dear life. Funston conspicuously in the lead. In the background are the State Fair buildings, on the bridge a Dutch band blowing their heads off, and a pen of fat hogs standing on their hind | ment of 146.4 tons. legs peering over the fence at the unwented and exciting episode. And yet so evidently a drawing card, such an evidence of genlus, is characterized by our enemies as gall. just as they stigmatized Tapp as a freak, and the Trans-Mississippi Congress, which is to convene in Wichita in a commission. few days to solve the transportation question, as a piece of pure presumption

Admiral Dewey's Successor.

Dewey is coming home. Whether by way of the Pacific or the Atlantic he is coming home to a welcome that promises to prove a greater strain upon him than his latest duties as commander of the Asiatic fleet. He is to be suc- in Luzon, what is it? Again, if it is not war, where is the ceeded by Rear Admiral Watson, an officer who would have danger. Peace was arranged with Spain, it is true, but been heard from had he been afforded the opportunity. At any rate it is eminently fitting that he should take Dewey's place. Dewey and Watson were both proteges of Farragut, glory while fighting in defense of their flag. They would The former found a brilliant opportunity to prove the trust Farragut placed in him, the latter, through some strange first and Coloradoans afterwards. They volunteered to war. Watson was placed in command of the mythical did not volunteer to serve in a Colorado army for a single European squadron with which Secretary Long and the minute. Under their oaths of enlistment they are soldiers in terrible suspense to hear the vertical to be received to be suspense to hear the vertical to be such that the vertical to be such tha war board terrified the people of the Spanish coast and of the republic for two years, and not soldiers of Colorado ter known in Spain during the war than in this country.

While there will be no great naval opportunity in the Aslatic command, it is a post of great responsibility and honor. It is probable that the navy will be called upon to undertake many delicate missions in the various islands of the archipelago. Moreover, Manila has become an outpost of our interests in the continent of Asia. We may be forced to cry from Manila in a tone that will be heard at Pekin; "Hands off!" Rear Admiral Watson will have at last a command that is worthy of his brilliant record.

When Dewey comes home the interviewers will purgue him night and day. He has had a number of chances to talk to the press, even while on his ship in the harbor of Manila. But he has steadfastly refused to walk into the trap. Will he be as discreet when he reaches America and finds that the people of the United States are ready and willing to concede that he is the greatest man of his time? That is a question which is often asked, and is usually answered in the affirmative. Everybody believes that Dewey is the right sort and that he will steadfastly refram from putting his foot in it.

No Man's Land Stovepipes.

The Eagle contained an official warning the other day against the removal or destruction of government corner landmarks in Oklahoma. The Lawrence Journal whose editor is well acquainted with "the lay of the land" in western Oklahoma, says that "the order warning Oklahoma set. tlers against removing or destroying landmarks reminds the Journal of a funny thing that happened to landmarks in No Man's Land. In establishing corners the engineers used galvanized pipe, about six or eight inches across, with a wide piece of the same material riveted to the bottom. A square hole was dug in the ground at the "corners" to be marked, the square piece was laid flat in the bottom of the hole, and the hole filled with dirt, allowing the pipe to and have the sense, when he comes home, to refuse it. project a foot or so above the ground. This kind of corner could be easily seen above the short buffalo grass for a long distance ,and it was easy to locate a "quarter" in any part of the forlorn district. That is, it was easy until the settlers came. After that it wasn't. They built their houses of the virgin sod, and as stovepipe was high and hard to get, they proceeded to dig up the government landmarks and convert them into pipe. Frantic efforts were made by the government anthorities to stop the desecration, but for the most part in vain, and even now, above the sagging roof of many a deserted sod shanty of No Man's Land there protrudes a balf dozen "government corners" that ough to be doing duty out on the prairies that were in ended by the Good Lord as a pasture for grazing herds and tac hful

The Struggle for Wealth and Position. Wealth nor position are necessary to happiness. There i no happiness possible except in contentment whatever the lot or position. The people of no other country struggle after and so long for wealth as the Americans, and no gen-Pration of the past equals the present in that particular A large per cent of the youth of the country imagine that if they possessed money they would be happy. There is no greater mistake. The happiest people are not monied people, and the unhappiest are to be found among the wealthy. And this is equally true of position. The wife of Count Miniuolo, of the Tyrol, being unhappy in her married life, and living at Rame, concluded to drown herself in the Tiber. She went out one evening to do so, and was climbing on the parapet of a bridge when a woman passing apprehended the countess. To this woman the countess told her story, with the result that instead of jumping into the Tiber the two exchanged clothes, the countess throwing her | Funston a natatorium

hat and cloak overboard to give a false scent to her disappearance. The disappearance happened last February, and the conclusion was that the countess was drowned. Recently she was found selling flowers in the street at Florence, being more content in thus gaining a livelihood than in trying to get along with her husband. Her relatives have come to the rescue and placed her in an establishment for the cure of nervous diseases, which is by no means expected to be the end of the romance.

The Ship for the North Pole.

The newspapers and magazines have had much to say of late of the wonderful performances of the great ship, the invention of a Russian, and which in being built is accomplishing all that was claimed in its behalf. This powerful steamer, which was built in England according to plans furnished by Vice Admiral Makaroff, recently entered the harbor of Cronstadt, after cutting its way clear through the surrounding ice. Thence it went to Revel, where it opened a channel through a large and thick sheet of ice, and thus enabled several steamers to gain the open sea, During the summer the Ermack will go to the sea of Kara, and, if it is as successful there as it has been in removing the obstacles that closed the ports of the Baltic, it will push on toward the north in the direction of the Francis Joseph archipelago. Finally, if all goes well, the steamer will attempt to solve the problem of the North Pole, and that she will prove successful in this attempt, is the opinion of many who have seen what she has already done. That she has rendered an immense service in the Baltic is unopen the entire year, in spite of the ice; steamships will no onger be impeded as heretofore, and maritime transactions can go on as easily as in summer. In a word, it is claimed that this steamer has done and will continue to do the work So I bid you a last good-by

The Fastest Boat in the U. S. Navy.

The launching of the torpedo boat destroyer Dahlgren at Bath, Me., will be made quite a social event. The destroyer is to be christened by Mrs. Dahlgren, the wife of a son of the admiral, and a party of friends will leave Washsee her break the traditional bottle of champagne over the

The boat is designed to be the fleetest authorized for the navy and is expected to develop 20 knots an hour- it is one of fifteen vessels of the same type, now in course of

The contract price for the hull and machinery of the Dahlgren, exclusive of ordnance and outfit, is \$194,000. The boat is 147 feet long, 16 feet 41/2 inches extreme breadth, and has a mean draft of 4 feet 71/2 inches and a lisplace-

The Dahlgren is fitted with two deck discharging tubes for 18-inch Whitehead automobile torpedoes, and carries a battery of four one-pounder rapid-fire guns. The speed trial of the boat will be made at an early date, after which she will be sent to the Portsmouth navy yard to be placed in

The War Not Exactly Ended.

Covernor Thomas of Colorado would have the country understand that he is astride of a kicking mule and armei some of Spain's former subjects insist on keeping up the war. The Crurado troops have covered themselves with do as much or their own soil liteause they are Americans fatality received no command of importance during the serve in the army of the United States for two years. They

Another Pacific Island Located.

Discovering islands in the Pacific is much like discovering new stars in the sky, the discoverer being entitled to his find. Uncle Sam is liable to own his full share of the Pacific by the time the curtain goes down. Some navigaters declared that there was an island in a remote and unfrequented course in the Pacific, and called it Walre's Island, after the captain who first reported it. Other navigators denied that such a place existed. Chart makers were uncertain. To settle the dispute the United States gunboat Bennington was ordered to cruise in the locality, and after long search found the island. It is in latitude 19.17 north, longitude 166.31 east. The island is only 20 feet at its highest point above the sea, but is visible in clear weather some eight miles. Myriads of sea gulls and water fowl make Wake's Island their home. The only quadrupeds the Bennington found on the bit of solld land were large numbers of rats of enormous size.

That country reporter at Hot Springs, Virginia, is a That country reporter at Hot Springs, Virginia, is a flead down beside him on the pillow, and dalsy. He speaks of Lyman Gage's face brightening up Dorothy's heart was filled with happiness. when news of an American advance in the Philippines was old to him. What if Gage's face did brighten up? What has Gage got to do with it?

General Gordon hugged and kissed Mrs. Jefferson Davis the Confederate reunion, amidst great applause. It was all right for Gordon to do so. And that reminds us that Hobson's fault in kissing lay principally in his youth.

The authorities at Washington are intimating to Dewey that he return home by way of San Francisco. This is one administration that is not laboring under the illusion that New York is America.

Dewey has been offered a special train to use as soon as he reaches America. How we hope Dewey will refuse it

A friend, speaking for General Miles, says that the general is not a candidate for the presidency. What a relief it will be for Major McKinley to hear this.

Fred Funston is brave, of course, but we should not forget that other Kansan, John Waller, who faced alone the whole French army in Madagascar.

pits for Germany's friendship for Spain during the war. The Chicago dropped the shadow of one of its guns on

the coast of Morocco the other day, and Morocco split its trousers in paying that claim. There are some strikes over the country. But strikes

are better than closed factories and mines, such as the nation had under Cleveland. The last meeting of the Filipino congress failed to mus-ter a quorum. Most of the members were out indulging in the national foot-race.

the national foot-race. mummy of Tothmes L has been discovered. Mr.

Tothmes lived in Egypt about 4,000 years ago and was in the king business. Mrs. George's first lecture was attended by fourteen

pecople, whose names are suppressed by the newspapers. The whole trouble with Miles is that he has been too ach of a general and too little of a soldier.

Fred Funsion needs but one thing to cap his career. Kipling should write a poem about him.

Some one should start a subscription ist to buy

Dorothy Vane, a pretty young girl of it, was sitting beside the cheery open fireplace in her cosy home, deeply absorbed in a highly sentimental novel, which she was very fond of reading. Her mother died when Dorothy was very young, and her father, being a busy was her had been a busy to be a busy to be

man, had not much time to spend with his dearly beloved daughter. So, when not occupied with her studies, Dorothy spent most of her time reading romantic

and impossible love stories.

When she graduated from school at the age of 16 she became engaged to Arthur Raymond, a promising young man, and the son of an old friend of Mr. Vane's. That they loved each other was not to be doubted, and would have been very happy had not Dorothy's pretty curly head been filled with silly notions and fancies gained from her beloved novels.

She laid down the book she was reading with a sizh.

ing with a sigh of regret.

"Why can't Arthur talk like that to me. I wonder? He never tells me that he worships the ground I waik on, or any of those nice things, as they do in novels. I do wish se would talk so to me just once! I wonder if I can't cause him to," and Dorothy sat thinking deeply a few moments.

be such a good joke, too." Although her conscience told her she was doing wrong, she would not heed it, but sat down to her desk, writing the ollowing note, which formed the main

"Oh, I know what to do now," she cried,

Dear Arthur: I write to bld you farewell. eYs, I am going to die. I am uite sure you do not love me, as you ever tell me about it much. So tonight, when the world sleeps, I am going to turn on the gas, and in the morning I will found lying cold and still on my couch.

despair. DOROTHY."
Reading this over with satisfaction, she hastily scaled and sent the faid out to post it, little thinking how much suffer-

The bright sun awoke her early next morning, and she sprang out of bed with a happy laugh, as she remembered what finding that he is incompetent, corrupt she had planned to do. She soon arrayed and a general nuisance, and demands that herself in a pretty white dressing gown, he be fired, her lovely golden curis hanging far below Congressin

now, and will soon be here. Won't to be, clines to Snearman.

Topeka is at last fighting Kansas City, when he reaches my side to jump up and surprise him? He surely will say lots to buy her silks and sailns at Kansas of nice things to me then and be quite romantic. It will be just like a novel." will leave Dorothy to arrange herself on her couch, making a veritable "sleeping beauty."

his breakfast. He pressed the letter to his lips and then, breaking the seal, commenced to read. As he grasped the meaning of those cruel words his face urned white as marble, and the room seemed whirling around him as he caught at the table for support. Then, springing up, he ran into the hall, and catching his hat from the stand he went out on the street. Hailing a cab he was soon speed-ing on his way to Dorothy's home. It seemed to him as though the horse but

crawled and the awful suspense of mind seemed more than he could endure. He reached Dorothy's house at last and rang the bell violently, feeling as though he must batter the door down before it was opened by the astonished maid, who gazed at his in smazement as he dashed by her and soon reached Dorothy's roum. "Dorothy!" and what a world of anguish and despair was contained in that one word that he uttered as he saw Dorothy king so atill on the court had been as a sum of the court rothy lying so still on the couch pefore him, and before she could arise he fall senseless on the floor by her side.

As she stood as one stunned by his side, Mr. Vane, hearing the commotion, hurried into the room, Dorothy gasped out a few words of explanation, then with a low moan fell back on her couch in a swoon, Arthur was carried to another chamber, and when Dorothy regained consciousness a liar or an idiot." sin, and do not take my darling fron me. If he dies I will be his murderer."

It seemed an efernity before the doctor me out and kindly told her that Arthur

had recovered consciousness, but a se-vere attack of brain fever had set in. Who can describe the long weeks of Dorothy suffered while Arthur's life hung on a throad? They left indelible lines on her fair young face. At last, after long days of agony, came the happy news that Arthur had regained his senses and would recover, Mr. Vane, at Dorothy's request, told the invalid of his daughter's plan, and what had caused her to do such a cruel act. Dorothy waited outside, her heart beating painfully. Would Arthur or had she by act lost what was now dearer to her than

"My child. Arthur wants you," said Mr. Vane, coming to the door, and Do-rothy went to him, her great happiness lighting up her face. Arthur looked at her careworn face with tears of pity in

My poor darling, how you must have he whispered, as he drew her and, pressing her cheek close to her future husband's face, she gave thanks to God for enswering her prayer.—Boston

A Day's Work, (From the Detroit Free Press.) He was seated on the steps of the Gris-

wold street side of the city hall. Tramp? His face was rough and red and bleary

and beery. One shoe was a hoot-pardon that-and the other boot was a shoe. The man's hat was brimless and all rushed in on top and around his neck in seu of a collar he had twisted an old frayed and greasy string tie. His cout was torn and green brown on the should ers, his trousers ranged around his feet. He were no vest, and the chep neglige shirt may have been blue-once. Appar-ently the man was doning. His eyes were losed. But he may have held them that way because he was too lary to wink. He breathed hard. By and by he opened one eye half-way and equinted at the passers-by in the street. Finding it not at all inconvenient to keep that eye open, he opened the other. It was easy, and to man emitted a soif-satisfied grunt. The Queen of Spain has decorated German Admiral Tir-Looking down just then he observed a bit of reveling on the left less of his disky, torn trousers. He eyed that rav-eling critically. He held his head to one side and equinted at it. Then he held his head to the other side and squinted at it again. Taking a long breath, he slipped his hand down his trouser leg. His arm thread. Then with a superhuman effort his light.

The other day, when Sheriff Newblock of Norman ded up the Santa Fe yatis the fingers to the stones, and settling there. Jim Cottingiam, the road's attor-

Signs of Spring

(From the Philadelphia Press) The popularity of the shad side of the

The flowers that bloom in buttonholes. been apping contracts. Open spring coats of the shirt-waist girl.

(From the Atchison Globe.)

Along the Kansas Nile,

There are indications that Emporia'

een adopted by the Kansas text book

It is said that Mrs. Lease at present charges only fifteen cents adm

Fred Funston would like something po-litical, but he doesn't think the bosses would let him have anything.

Some of the people of Topeka, when asked to contribute to a fund to buy Fred Punston a sword, whacked up 5 Ed Howe says: "When women engage appoint one of the family to watch the

Kansas is to turn herself loose when the Twentieth returns and many a man will welcome the heroes of the Bag-Bag with a jag-jag.

in the fact that when Ingalis is bound down to writing a letter a week, his stuff deteriorates. It is said that the Great Western Stove

company of Leavenworth will join a stove trust which will be formed at Cin-Charles M. Sheldon, the Topeka minis-

ter, is becoming famous in London, where during the last month his books have had a heavy sale. A large number of people are protesting against the proposed pardon of Emmett Daiton, the outlaw. Among those

protesting is Lyman U. Humphrey. If Ed Little is suffering keen mental agony from being snubbed he is only meeting fitting recompense for his ri-diculous case of pneumatic concelt It falls to the lot of a Kansan occa-

sionally to have these two consecutive

thoughts in a period of three seconds (1) "I wonder if it is a cyclone." (2) "It Spencer, coll oil inspector, was appointed in spite of the gang. The gang is now

Congressman Charles Curtis says that er waist.

"I have not long to wait now, for Arhur must have received my note by
ow, and will soon be here. Won't it be climes to Shearman.

Sedgwick Pantagraph: The last lecture sleeping beauty."

Arthur Raymond was delighted to recat Halstead, where he was met at the ognize Dorothy's writing amongst his morning mall as he sat leisurely eating Bookwaiter, one disinterested citizen and his breakfast. He pressed the letter to a yellow dog. It would be different now. A Newton attorney says that if he were governor he would permit the sentence of death to be carried out against the men under than sentence in the penitentlary. His name is not given, and the chances are that he will never be gover

> Fred Funston should plunge into politics. No fame is stable that is not stimulated by denial and antagonism and ridicule, which political fame, while seemingly suffering from, really thrives upon. Funston must get into politics or his famo will be yawned to death,

> Funston's nature is attuned to one fibre-the genius of initiative. He didn't de much in Cuba, but it was an unusual stroke of courage to go down there, when he could have remained at home comfortable and happy. His subsequent career depended on this Cuban trip

H. C. Burson of Sedgwick writes from Manila his feelings the first night he was under fire: "I shall never forget the nervous strain I endured this terrible person who claims to have had no appre-

Outlines of Oklahoma

That old organic act bobs up again and knocks the county seat elections sky

On May 11, Reverend Slutz of Wichita will dedicate the new Methodist church at Martin Christian, who confesses to kill-

ing his father in Dewey county, will prob-The Oklahoma City council has not yet

been made captain of the Ponca City mi-

litia company Ciyde Mattox seems to have some difficulty in persuading himself to come in and give himself up.

Dennis Flynn will prosecute the mur-derer of Mc of D. The trial will begin his week at Taloga. The graduating class at Oklahoma Chy thie year consists of nine young women nd seven young men.

The biggest thing in Oklahoma is the organic act. When the organic so: speaks its word is law. One of the men, Jones, charged with being a member of the mob which burned he Indians near Earlborn is an axial

E. E. Hennessey, referee in bankrupty for Oklahoma and Cleveland countie has removed from Norman to Oklahoma Judge McAtee said that Grant county

could hold a county seat election and Judge Burford says it can't. And there

Oklahoma will feel some comfort in knowing that the last cyclone o get over the Kansas line before it truck a town

By the way, Mc of D, who was murdered in Dewey county, helped bring up Fred Function. Me worked for Fred Eunston's father. County seat contests are possible in

original Oklahoma, but not in the Strip. hat is another matter that will have to Medford, Pond Creek and Jefferson now know how Corbett and Fitzsimmons felt when offvernor Culberson of Texas talk them they couldn't. wait on statehood.

J. S. Soule of Guthrie wants to get the

Jim Duffy, who keeps a close tab on these things, says the real fight against Bill Walker is being made by the rull-roads and the cattlement. Congress, when it opened the Cherokes.

and pays \$200 a year.

strip, may have had in mind to perma-nently locate the county seats, but it is very doubtful if congress did. The electric lights at Enid are a diswhen't long enough for the hand to reach appointment. They are too weak 12% the raveling. The man sighed. For fully candle power, according to the Wave. five minutes he gazed at that bit of Still 120 candles would make considera-

> made a flying trip on a special ongine to the scene of the trouble.

Newkirk, it is said, will make a sure go of its convention hall scheme.

Lon O'Hornett of Penca City is back the fastest train he could find to get buck

these who write the early history of falloms City place the population on first day-April 22, 1889-at 15,000. The mistake. It was about 1500 When a girl graduates she has at ambition to show the world what a mobile woman with a high purpose in life, can
do; but she meets a man and marries him,
and soon begins to get that funny look
in her eves. the city did not gain in population,

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